

**DANNY L. KOLHAGE**  
**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

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**DATE:** July 13, 2007

**TO:** Commissioner Mario DiGennaro  
District IV

JUL 16 2007

**FROM:** Pamela G. Hancock   
Deputy Clerk

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At the June 20, 2007, Board of County Commissioner's meeting the Board adopted Resolution No. 233-2007 in support of the Hemingway House continuing to keep cats without being confined to cages.

Enclosed is a certified copy of the subject Resolution for your handling. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact this office.

cc: County Attorney  
File

**RESOLUTION NO. 233 -2007**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY IN SUPPORT OF  
THE HEMINGWAY HOUSE CONTINUING TO KEEP CATS  
WITHOUT BEING CONFINED TO CAGES**

**WHEREAS**, the Hemingway House and grounds is a favorite destination for residents and visitors to the Florida Keys; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hemingway House has been designated as a national historic landmark; and

**WHEREAS**, it is documented that Ernest Hemingway and his wife kept polydactyl cats on the grounds of the present day Hemingway House and Museum; and

**WHEREAS**, the cats which presently are kept and cared for at the museum are descendants of cats living on the property when the property was purchased from the Hemingway family; and

**WHEREAS**, the family of cats presently residing at the Hemingway House are an integral part of the experience of a visit to the Hemingway House; and

**WHEREAS**, the cats reside at the Hemingway House just as cats did in the time of Hemingway himself, they are not on exhibition in the manner of circus animals; and

**WHEREAS**, caging the Hemingway cats is unnecessary and silly; there is no indication that the cats or the public will be better served by confining the cats to cages; and

**WHEREAS**, Monroe County's ordinance Sec. 3-28 specifically does not restrict the number of properly licensed, vaccinated, housed and cared for cats.

**WHEREAS**, It is important to the residents of Monroe County that the Hemingway House, grounds, retaining walls and other structures be maintained as a historical landmark.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, that:

1. It is integral to the history and the overall feeling of the Hemingway House that the family of polydactyl cats be left to live on the grounds as cats did in the days of Hemingway.
2. The Board of County Commissioners does not support the caging of polydactyl cats residing at the Hemingway House.

3. The Board of County Commissioners does not support any action which would jeopardize the designation of the Hemingway House as a national historic landmark.

This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a meeting of said Board held on the 20th day of June, 2007

Mayor DiGennaro

Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Spehar

Yes

Commissioner McCoy

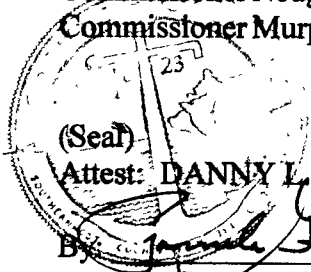
Yes

Commissioner Neugent

Yes

Commissioner Murphy

Yes



(Seal)

Attest: DANNY L. KOLHAGE, Clerk

By: Jamela Hamock

Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Mayor DiGennaro

Mayor DiGennaro

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY  
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Natileene W. Cassel  
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ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

Date 6/20/07

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2007 JUL 13 AM 11:38  
DANNY L. KOLHAGE  
CLERK, CLERK OF  
MONROE COUNTY, FLA.